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To: VHA National Leadership Board; VHA Voluntary Service Chiefs; VHA Under Secretary

Subject: Appointment of new Voluntary Service Director

It is my pleasure to report that Secretary Nicholson has selected Laura Balun to be Director of VHA's Voluntary Service Office. She replaces Jim Delgado, who has retired. Ms. Balun is currently our Acting Director of Voluntary Service, managing the federal Government's largest centralized volunteer program. She also serves as the principal liaison between VHA and Veterans Service Organizations. Since 1998, Laura has been the Administrative Officer for Voluntary Service, responsible for coordinating all elements of our Voluntary Service program. She previously served as Chief, Voluntary Service in Grand Junction, Colorado and Washington, DC. Laura began her VA career as a recreation therapist at our North Chicago medical center in 1981, and has also worked for VHA in Hampton, Virginia and Palo Alto, California. I appreciate your continued support of Laura and our entire Voluntary Service program...

Ev Chasen